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AN IMMUNE RESPONSE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**APPLICANTS' REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111
TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 28 FEBRUARY 2002**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed 28 February 2002. Applicants hereby request a 1 month extension of time and enclose a check in the amount of \$55.00 for the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this reply is due 28 June 2002. Please re-consider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the specification:

Please delete the text of the abstract of the disclosure and substitute the following to read as follows:

--The invention provides a method for stimulating the production of antibodies to a cryptic epitope on a soluble antigen by administering to a patient having such a cryptic epitope a binding agent that binds to the soluble antigen and forming a complex between the binding agent and the



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